

REMARKS

This response is to the Office Letter mailed in the above-referenced case on August 13, 2004. The applicant has carefully reviewed the primary reference, Hudson et al., US 2002/0007229 A1, hereinafter Hudson, and has cancelled the standing claims and redrafted a set of claims 19-28, including an independent system claim 19 and an equivalent method claim 24. It appears to the applicant that Hudson, taken in whole and in context, fairly teaches a distributed machine-control software. There are, however, some salient and unique differences between the teaching of Hudson and the claimed invention.

Applicant's claimed system (claim 19) operates from and is limited to an interactive interface displayed at a third-party web site which offers services to the client on the Internet not related to the service of controlling home alliances. Further, the system operates through, and is limited to, a base station at the user's premise that then communicates to home appliances and systems in the home. Still further, the system requires input by the client and authentication before the interface may be displayed at the third-party web site. So the system is not simply a means of distributing control software, but a specifically-configured system to provide functions not taught or otherwise anticipated in Hudson.

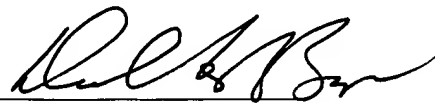
Method claim 24 has essentially the same limitations as new system claim 19, and therefore differs from Hudson in the same ways as described above for the system claim.

The applicant believes the new claims differentiate applicant's independent claims in a patentable way, and therefore claims 19 and 24 are patentable to the applicant over the art thus far cited and applied. The depending claims from each independent claims are therefore patentable at least as depended from a patentable claim.

If there are any extensions of time required beyond any extension specifically petitioned and paid with this response, such extensions are hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid by check with this response, authorization is given to deduct such fees from deposit account 50-0534.

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